

Carex depauperata Curtis ex With.

Starved Wood-sedge

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Cyperaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Endangered

Habit

Tussock-forming herb (perennial).

Habitat

Dry, base-rich, free draining soils, in semi-shade at the edge of deciduous woodland.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	near Axbridge, N. Somerset	1	14 in 1995
	near Godalming, Surrey	1	4 in 1997

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 The Harris Garden
- 2 Windsor, The Savill & Valley Gardens
- 3 RBG Kew
- 4 RHS Wisley
- 5 Winkworth Arboretum
- 6 University of Bristol Botanic Garden
- 7 Bristol Zoo Gardens
- 8 Wildwalk At-Bristol
- 9 Congrove Cottage
- 10 Bath Botanic Gardens

Gardens with specialisation on genus *Carex*

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

Seed few and very large. In the wild, the germination is stimulated by the opening of the canopy when old trees die. Plant cannot tolerate deep shade.

Conservation information

Carex depauperata is listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

Linkages to BAPs

North Somerset (LBAP Areas)

Surrey BAP

Habitat Management

The two sites are managed to maintain the favoured conditions of semi-shade.

All Axbridge plants are protected within an SSSI.

Conservation programmes

The Axbridge population has been reinforced several times with cultivated native stock. In addition, 100 plants were translocated from Cambridge University Botanic Garden in 1988 close to the Axbridge population.

Web References

- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>